From:	ehud barak <ehbarak1@gmail.com>
To:	aaron <aaron@research.haifa.ac.il>
CC:	
Date:	Sat, 7/20/2013 6:01:06 PM
Subject:	Re: from: Aaron Avivi

Aaron
Send it to him. I have no problem with it.
If for whatever reason he won't respond contact me again. Best
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2013, at 11:16, aaron <aaron@research.haifa.ac.il> wrote:

> Hi again,
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> I wish to share with you my hesitation since you told me that you are going to send my staff to Bob Weinberg.
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> Due to Bob Weinberg's position as one of the leading scientists worldwide in cancer research, and his unequivocal opinion on the mice as a model in cancer research, I thought of sending him our accepted paper to hear his opinion on our system and our results so far.
>
> Now that you said that he is one of your addresses for an objective evaluation, I do not want to bypass you, which may seem inappropriate, and might only damage your positive attitude and good will.
>
> Hence, please be candid with me. I'll accept your verdict with no passing-thought and objection.
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> (In my cover-letter and presentation I will cite his 2008 moderate expression **[“It’s been well known for more than two decades, that many of these preclinical human cancer models have very little predictive power in terms of how actual human beings – actual human tumors inside patients – will respond. Far more than anything else, the lack of good animal models had become the rate-limiting step in cancer research”**] and not his 2004 scatting one [**" the preclinical animal models of human cancer, in large part, stink. The lousy mice are the rate-limiting step in cancer research"**]
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> Thanks a lot
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> Best, Aaron

בתאריך 20.07.2013 09:21, ehud barak כתב:

> Hi Aaron

NO problem. Humankind waited for you so long,they can wait another weekend or two. Think of Prof. Weinberg and Dr. Francis Collins the head of NIH. They are good friends and will surely discuss it.
Best
Ehud Barak

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2013, at 18:45, aaron <aaron@research.haifa.ac.il> wrote:

> Hi,
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> If it is Prof Weinberg who is going to get it, Maybe you can wait for Sunday and I'll make a presentation worthy of a distinguished personage like him.
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> Is it OK with you?
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> Thanks
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> Best, Aaron
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> בתאריך 19.07.2013 13:53, ehud barak כתב:
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> > Hi prof. Avivi
> > I know Prof. Weinberg for many years.
> > He is one of the people I've thought of approaching.
> > Pl have a look into the text once again and think of it as a text
> > landing on the laptop of Prof Weinberg and if there is a
> > need to modify something,pl do it.
> > Thx.
> > Best
> > Ehud Barak
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > On Jul 19, 2013, at 13:09, aaron <aaron@research.haifa.ac.il> wrote:
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> > > שלום שוב
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> > > בבקשה בשיקוליך אם וכמה אתה מוכן לתרום אנא שים את זה מול לוח לבך
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> > > שבת שלום, אהרן
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> > > Prof. Robert Weinberg, MIT, Boston, Ma., one of the leading scientists in cancer research, who has used mice models to make signal contributions to cancer treatment: (*Newsweek*, September 6th, 2008)
> > >
> > > “Drug companies and Fund agencies were spending hundreds of millions of dollars each year for decades on mice research that has little predictive value and a negligible relation to that of human. Far more than anything else, the lack of good animal models has become the rate-limiting step in cancer research"
> > > (http://www.safermedicines.org/quotes/cancer.shtml)

Prof. Jessica Bolker Department of Biological Sciences,University o fNew Hampshire

(Nature Volume:491, Pages:31–33, Date published:, 01 November 2012)

“Scientists who submit grant proposals for a project using a standard model organism need not use up space to explain their choice. By contrast, proposals for projects in unusual species are often rejected or returned with the suggestion that the applicant use a standard organism instead, because any worthwhile question should be accessible in a well-established model.

Disparities between mice and humans may help to explain why basic research has yielded frustratingly few clinical advances. Narrowing the research focus too far limits basic understanding, in ways that can lead directly to clinical failures. The use of classical organisms is sometimes haphazard and more about convenience than strategic planning. We have now reached a point where, if researchers cannot tackle a problem using a familiar species, they may not study it at all. It means that mainstream funders and journals should welcome work in non-standard organisms.
(http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v491/n7422/full/491031a.html)

בתאריך 16.07.2013 21:02 ,aaron כתב:

תודה רבה לך מר ברק

אני ממתין בסבלנות להחלטתך

בתקווה גדולה שזו תהיה חיובית

אני מיד מכניס לי מטלה לסלולרי לבל אשכח . אם כי אין סיכוי שאשכח

כל טוב, אהרן

בתאריך 16.07.2013 20:08 ,ehud barak כתב:

וף אביבי תודה
י בודק מה אני יכול לתרום.
כר אותי 30 יום מעכשיו אם לא חזרתי אליך עד אז.
רכה אהוד

Sent from my iPad

On 11 ביול 2013, at 12:59, "Aaron Avivi" <aaron@research.haifa.ac.il> wrote:

שלום רב לך מר ברק,

תודה על שנענית לבקשתי דרך דר' רונן ברגמן.

שמי אהרן אביבי, מדען מהמכון לאבולוציה באוניברסיטת חיפה, חוקר שנים רבות את החולד הארצישראלי.
זהו יונק-מכרסם החי מתחת לקרקע כל חייו, ומוכר לרובנו רק בזכות תלוליות האדמה שאני רואים בגינה או בטיולים, בעיקר לאחר הגשם, אדמה שהוא דוחף כשהוא מחדש את התעלות התת -קרקעיות שמהוות את 'ביתו'. החיה זו, קרובה-רחוקה של החולדה

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